

**REMARKS**

The Office Action of September 26, 2006 has been reviewed, and in view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims pending in the application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 are currently pending.

**I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-20 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,453,353 to Win *et al* ("Win"). The Office Action alleges that each and every claimed limitation is shown by Win. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Win purports to disclose a network using role-based navigation among protected information resources (col. 1, lines 11-15). More specifically, Win appears to discuss a method and apparatus for controlling access to protected information resources by enabling organizations to register information sources and user information in a central repository (col. 5, lines 12-14). Win purports to allow administrators to implement access rules by defining roles that users play when working for an organization or doing business with an enterprise, thus forming an additive data model (col. 5, lines 21-23, 57-58).

On the other hand, embodiments of the claimed invention are directed to integrating security and user account data with remote repositories and validating the identity of the user through authentication. In addition, access control may be implemented to determine what the user may be allowed to see, do or access, once the user has been identified to the system. Access control may include privileges and permissions. Privileges may define the types of actions that particular users and groups may perform in the system. Permissions may define which users and groups have access to what objects and the degree to which the user may access those objects. *See* Specification at page 27, lines 16-20.

For example, when a server command is requested, the server may check certain access rights to determine if a particular command may be executed. In general, the server may check access rights on a Server Definition object, for example, that may be used to initialize the server at startup. This allows the user to have different capabilities on different servers within the same system. *See* Specification at page 29, lines 3-8. Furthermore, the present invention provides security and user account integration with remote authentication servers or remote repositories located within a server different than that of a server of the reporting system. *See* Specification at page 2, lines 13-14.

According to an embodiment of the claimed invention, a method for integrating security and user account data comprises “enabling a user to submit user credential input to a reporting system;” “identifying an authentication process;” “forwarding the user credential input to a first server;” and “enabling the first server to apply the authentication process to authenticate the user against a remote repository for verifying the user credential input and to determine user access control data for identifying at least one user privilege for performing one or more actions and at least one user permission associated with one or more objects, wherein the remote repository is located within a second server, the second server being different from the first server.”

The disclosure of Win fails to show at least the limitation directed to “enabling the first server...to determine user access control data for identifying at least one user privilege for performing one or more actions and at least one user permission associated with one or more objects, wherein the remote repository is located within a second server, the second server being different from the first server”, as expressly recited independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 8 and 15 (emphasis added).

Applicants respectfully submit that Win does not disclose each and every limitation, feature, or functionality of the claimed invention. Regarding independent claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that Win makes no mention of applying the authentication process to against “a *remote repository*” and “wherein the remote repository is located *within* a second server, the second server being different from the first server” (emphasis added). In fact, Win appears to merely disclose that resource and user information are organized in a “central repository.” See Win at col. 5, lines 12-20. This is clearly distinguishable from a remote repository that is not owned by the server. Furthermore, even assuming that Win teaches a remote repository, Win clearly discloses that the repository is not “located within” the second server, as expressly recited in claim 1. Rather, the “Registry Server 108 is **coupled to** a Registry Repository 110” (emphasis added). See Win at col. 6, lines 20-26.

In addition, not only does Win fail to disclose or suggest a remote repository that is located within a second server, Applicants respectfully submit that Win also fails to disclose the step of determining user access control data for identifying at least one user privilege for performing one or more actions and at least one user permission associated with one or more objects. In fact, Win appears to merely disclose a role-specific access **menu** to a network user that is **available to show only** those resources that the user is authorized to access according to the user’s profile information, including roles and privileges. This is clearly distinguishable from access control data for identifying at least one user privilege for **performing one or more actions** and at least one user permission associated with one or more objects.

As a result, the disclosure of Win fails to disclose or show at least the limitation directed to “enabling the first server to apply the authentication process to authenticate the user against a remote repository for verifying the user credential input and *to determine user access control data*

*for identifying at least one user privilege for performing one or more actions and at least one user permission associated with one or more objects, wherein the remote repository is located within a second server, the second server being different from the first server.”* These features are simply not disclosed or even contemplated by Win. For a proper rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), each and every claim limitation must be shown in a single reference. The Office Action has failed to meet this requirement and thus the rejection is unsupported and should be withdrawn.

Regarding independent claims 8 and 15, these claims recite subject matter related to claim 1. Thus, the arguments set forth above with respect to claim 1 are equally applicable to claims 8 and 15. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 8 and 15 are allowable over Win for the same reasons as set forth above with respect to claim 1.

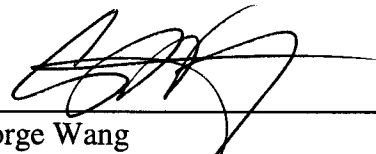
Dependent claims 2-7, 9-14 and 16-20 depend from either independent claims 1, 8 and 15, respectively. As such, each of these dependent claims contain each of the features recited in the independent claims. For the reasons stated above, Win fails to disclose the claimed invention and therefore the rejections should be withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully submitted that this application and all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that prosecution and allowance of the application will be expedited through an interview, whether personal or telephonic, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with any suggestions leading to the favorable disposition of the application.

Applicants submit herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time and the required fee of \$120. Please charge this fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0206, and please credit any excess fees to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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